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The White Men Get the Worst of It—Latest Reports—Lively Scenes in a Court Room—Etc.

Meridian, Miss., December 18.—A number of telegrams were received here yesterday morning stating that a riot had occurred at Wahalak, Kemper County, fifty miles north of Meridian, and that Holly Morton, of this place, was killed. Two parties, aggregating sixty men, were despatched to the scene. They returned last night, reporting everything quieted down. They give the following account of the disturbance: On Thursday, a son of G. F. Nicholson, a prominent farmer, driving along the road, was met by a negro desperado, driving in the opposite direction. Young Nicholson's vehicle by accident came in collision with the negro's, who kept in the middle of the road as if determined to drive the boy out. The negro cursed the youth, when the father of Nicholson appeared and interfered. The negro drew a revolver, and closed with Nicholson, knocked him senseless with the pistol and then fled. The following day Nicholson told some friends of the negro's assault, and Saturday was determined to organize a posse and arrest the marauder. Information of this reached the negro. It is said two white men

GATHERED A PARTY OF NEGROES together at a church, Sunday night, and organized a force of ten to resist any attempts to arrest Maury. These whites are known to the people of Wahalak, but their names cannot be learned. It is a settled determination to lynch them when found. The negro force went to Maury's house and concealed themselves in the smoke house and cotton house. Soon after this a posse of white men came up the road and halted in front of Maury's house. Four of them walked up to the house and found it deserted. They then went to the smoke house, where they found three negroes. These men were questioned as to the whereabouts of Maury. They pretended they could not tell where he could be found. Then a man on the outside shouted: "Here is Maury, suppose you come and arrest him." The whites rushed in a body from the building, and as they emerged

WERE MET WITH A VOLLEY from eight or ten muskets and shot-guns. William Vaughan was seriously wounded by buckshot in the neck and shoulders, and another man, whose name the whites will not reveal, received a slight wound in the hand. This volley came from the cotton house, and was promptly returned by the whites, but the negroes being behind stout plank walls, received no injury. The whites discovered that they were fighting at a great disadvantage and moved around to the north side of the structure. Here they received another volley, resulting in the instant death of Henry Maury and wounding his brother, W. J. Maury, near the elbow. The whites now drew off and firing ceased temporarily. Notwithstanding their losses, however, the posse were

DETERMINED TO MAKE ANOTHER ATTACK on the cotton house, approaching it this time from the south. As they came up they received a third volley, the negroes apparently awaiting the order to fire as they had done in the two previous instances. At this third volley, Seth Cobb received twenty-two buckshot in the breast and stomach, tearing the entire front part of his body away. John Dew, another of the whites, was probably mortally wounded by a pistol shot in the groin. The whites again drew off for consultation, when it was decided that another attack, with their reduced force, was useless, and they determined to wait for daylight and reinforcements. While they were consulting the negroes rushed from the cotton houses to Maury's residence in a body, and proceeded to fortify that building, and the white men went back to Wahalak. Yesterday morning another force of fifty men was raised, who proceeded to Maury's residence. The place was found entirely deserted. They

BURNED THE BUILDINGS on the place, together with those on the farm adjoining, scoured the woods for negroes but could find no trace of them. It was impossible to find the negroes within five miles of the scene of the trouble, while the people from adjoining towns poured into Wahalak all day and joined in the search, but as none of the negroes, except Maury, are known, they accomplished nothing. One negro was seen lurking in the woods and fired upon by a party of whites, but instantly disappeared. It is certain if any of the negroes who fired on the whites are caught they will be killed. The feeling, however, is now against the white men who are said to have organized the negroes. Not a single negro is known to have received any injury. Two white men, besides those already reported, are wounded but their names are not given. It does not appear that the whites in attempting to make the arrest were

UNDER ANY LEGAL AUTHORITY, but are sustained by the entire white population of Kemper and the adjoining counties. It is unlikely that any proceedings will be taken against them.

AFTERNOON REPORT. There is no change in the situation at Wahalak. The village is crowded with men from the surrounding country. Parties are searching the swamps in every locality where the negroes are supposed to be secreted. Up to 10 a. m. not one was found. It is supposed they left the country. All the parties who left Meridian yesterday for the scene have returned and report everything quiet.

JACKSON, December 18.—A desperate fight occurred between negroes and whites in a remote part of this county. The fight occurred in a courtroom. Several persons were badly hurt. The negroes sent to this city on Sunday for ammunition and were armed with shot-guns, revolvers and knives. They swear they will not be arrested. Officers went from here yesterday, but the result is not known. A serious riot is feared.

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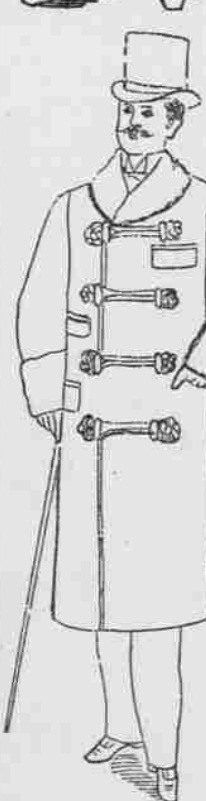
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